

PAYING PENALTY OF HIS GREATNESS

Premier Asquith Aging Rapidly Beneath Cares of Office.

POWER BREAKING UNDER ASSAULTS

Bickerings of His Own Cabinet, Silly Attacks of Suffragettes and Many Little Wicked Pin Pricks Making His Life Almost Unbearable—His Ambitious Understudies.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 22.—Mr. Asquith is indeed paying the penalty of greatness, as any one who has seen him recently will readily have discovered. He is no longer the robust looking, though silver-headed, fine specimen of ripe British manhood he used to be, even a few short months ago.

The defeat of the government's manhood suffrage bill, which was to do away with the injustice of the plural vote, and by adding a couple of millions of names to the list of voters, resulted principally from the classes whose tendencies are naturally inclining towards radicalism, and which was to strengthen materially the position of the Liberal party, was a very severe blow to him. But still it is not the great problems nor the temporary setbacks, which his policy is bound to suffer time and again, that have run him down until he is now nothing like his former self.

What is breaking down his powers are the many little wicked pin pricks, the necessity of being kept constant under gun against the silly attacks of mad suffragettes, but first of all the continuous haggling and quarrels among the members of his own Cabinet.

There are probably now here two more ambitious politicians to be found than Mr. Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

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Churchill, and both of these are constantly waiting for the day when their gray-haired chief, tired from the continuous struggle, lays down his sword to become a member of the House of Lords.

Both of them cherish the hope of becoming Prime Minister of England, and each of them is making one bid after another for popularity.

Donar Law has a good opportunity of seeing what his own position would be if his party should get into power in the near future. Asquith, however, has alone would soon make him wish that he had remained in the happy obscurity which Arthur Balfour now enjoys so thoroughly that he appears to have grown ten years younger during the last twelve months.

In Centre of Stage.

At present it looks very much as if Lloyd George was going to occupy the centre of the stage during the next session. His recent speech in the National Liberal Club on the land reform policy shows that he intends to enter into the thick of the fight once more. And judging from the fury with which the Conservative papers have attacked his plans, even before they are past the merely embryonic state, shows that the little Welshman will get all the fight he desires, not only with his political opponents on the Tory benches, but also with his own colleagues, who are getting very much scared of his perpetual schemes for social reform.

There are strife and quarrels everywhere, among the members of the Cabinet, among Liberals and Radicals, and food-taxers and free-fooders, among "greater Englishmen" and "little Englishmen," and now internal quarrels have broken out even in the Labor party, which is now with a very serious problem of its own.

For some time past relations between the Socialist and moderate Liberal sections of the party have been somewhat strained, and the adoption by the latter party conference of a resolution committing the party, without qualification, to the opposition of any franchise measure that does not enfranchise women, has now strained the relations to the breaking point.

If, in the course of the next session of Parliament, a franchise measure of the nature indicated is proposed, it is practically certain that the representatives in the parliamentary party, who in the past have refused to adopt the policy now urged on them, will challenge the right of the annual conference to lay down the lines upon which the parliamentary party shall act.

Such a challenge must inevitably result in a conflict between the two sections, which can only be ended by their agreeing to break out once more into the constituent elements out of which the party was formed.

The recent resignation from the Labor party executive of Keir Hardie, and the reported intention of Mr. Hardie and other prominent members to leave the party for assisting George Lansbury, has intensified the difficulty of the situation.

The Tory press has succeeded in working up the usually so stolid British people into a veritable frenzy of fear of an invasion of bearded legions of the Kaiser.

During the last two months the air has been full of mysterious phantom attacks, which have been observed at night all over the country, though nobody has so far caught sight of any in daylight, and not one person has had sense enough to think that it would be very strange, indeed, if a practical photographer or discoverer of the secrets of English fortifications, should cross the North Sea and hover over England only during the night, when darkness naturally prevents them from discovering anything.

It had been hammered into the public mind that the country is swarming with German spies, and John Bull now sees a spy in every foreigner.

The latest people to come under suspicion are a lot of young boys, called Celestians at Newcastle, ostensibly engaged in the laundry business, as is the habit of emigrated Chinamen everywhere.

A nervous Newcastle man has written to a London paper informing it to investigate these suspicious foreigners, who are most likely in the pay of Germany, as they are very regular in their payments of rent, if, indeed, they are not Germans in disguise. His suspicions were strengthened because he had discovered that only one of them spoke a word of English and a local newsdealer had told him that this particular Chinaman had tried to buy a map of the coast, but would not pay more than 15 cents.

As the Germans are known to be a very economical people, who can do anything longer than this supposed Chinaman must be a German in disguise?

SAN FRANCISCO WINS ITS FIGHT

Washington, February 22.—San Francisco's protracted fight for use of the Hetch Hetchy Valley as a reservoir site was won today, as the army advisory board on whose opinion Secretary Fisher's decision will be based, is concerned.

The board declares that the Hetch Hetchy project is the cheapest and better than any other feasible project for furnishing an adequate supply of water to the city. The water situation that will confront the communities around San Francisco Bay, if the plan is adopted by Secretary Fisher, is as probable within a week, is recapitulated by the army advisory board as follows:

"Purchase of Spring Valley Water Company, \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000. Further development of this company's system to about half the extent proposed by the company, \$10,000,000.

"Purchase of water systems of communities outside of San Francisco, no estimate made.

"Construction of Tuolumne system as proposed by San Francisco, to be extended over about fifty years, \$77,000,000.

Against these expenditures there will be a revenue of \$15,000,000 a year, having an estimated capitalized net value of \$45,000,000.

The Hetch Hetchy Valley is in the Sierra Mountains, within the Yosemite National Park. Calaveras, Berkeley, Alameda, San Jose, Redwood, Palo Alto, and other nearby communities have indicated a desire to participate in the benefits of the common Sierra or mountain water supply.

Y. M. C. A. PROPERTY SOLD.

Monroe Business Men Buy Site for \$85,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Richmond, Va., February 22.—The Young Men's Christian Association has closed a contract for the sale of its property on Jefferson Street to a syndicate of business men for \$85,000. A new site will be purchased, and a splendid modern building.

Possession of the building will be given to the Y. M. C. A. and temporary quarters will be secured. While the official announcement does not contain the names of the purchasers, it is understood that F. B. Thomas and D. W. Persinger and others are among those who have been named.

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\$1 Colery59c

\$1 Stuart's Charcoal Tablets19c

\$1 Electric Bitters37c

\$1 Brown's Iron Bitters73c

\$1 Laxol19c

\$1 Bovinine73c

\$1 Russell's Emulsion73c

\$1 Waterbury's Cod Liver Oil73c

\$1 Hagen's Cod Liver Oil73c

\$1 Budwell Emulsion73c

\$1 Sharp & Donnell Emulsion73c

\$1 Eskey's Food65c

\$1 Marsh Root, for liver and kidneys34c

\$1 McGill's Orange Blossoms68c

\$1 Tragle Laxative Cold and Grippe Cure19c

\$1 Tragle's 40 Little Liver Pills, 6 1-2c

\$1 Seditz Powders (10 acts in a box)16 1-2c

\$1 Laxative Pills (100 in bottle)31c

\$1 Dean's Pills17d

\$1 Warner's Safe Pills17c

\$1 Carter's K. & B. Tea18c

\$1 Green Mountain Asthma Cure76c

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50c Ball Sea Island Twine, 3c, 2 for 5c

50c Belmont Alcohol Gas Stove, handy, clean, bright, useful, 25c

35c Badger Shaving Brushes, 10c

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15c Belladonna Plaster10c

50c Peerless Household Rubber Gloves, good quality and very useful to the ladies20c

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15c Oakley's Coryopsis Talcum Powder, for toilet and nursery10c

5c No. 312 large-size Scratch Pads for school children3 1-2c

10c Memorandum Books, in-10c

5c No. 182 high-grade Razor Straps, a bargain, at3c

5c bottle Writing Ink3c

10c Pure Bristle Tooth Brushes, two gross5c

5c Geyserite Soap3 1-2c

5c Turkish Bath Soap2 1-2c

5c Palm Soap2 1-2c

5c Ladies Dressing Combs15c

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